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SPECIAL SUNDAY EDITION LATEST TELEGRAMS.

AFRICAN TROUBLE.

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HAMBURG, Dec. 26.—A strike meeting held here yesterday, the chief speakers were the Socialists Deputies Molkenbaur and Erbsmied, both of whom urged the men to continue the strike. The proceedings passed off quietly. Further meetings are announced for to-morrow.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Washington correspondent of the "Herald" says Mr. Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote have agreed on a permanent plan of a general system of arbitration in disputes, and the United States and Great Britain have appointed three arbitrators to settle the dispute over the boundary between the two countries.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The largest fire which has occurred in this city for several years broke out this morning. It started at Pinar's gun factory at the corner of East Thirty-third street and Third avenue, and extended to Bohmer's piano factory, several buildings away. Twelve tenement houses were destroyed, together with a portion of the Polytechnic Hospital. Thousands of families have been rendered homeless.

DISASTROUS FLOODS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A Kingston (Jamaica) telegram reports serious floods in the island of Montserrat, with a loss of 75 drowned.

PRINCE BORIS.

SOVIA, Dec. 26.—It is semi-officially announced that there is not the slightest shadow of a statement that the assassination of Prince Boris is making no progress, owing to his mother, the Princess Louise, having forbidden Prince's tutor, the Archimandrite Wassili, to enter the palace.—Herald.

THE OROVATA DISASTER.

One of the victims of the Orovata disaster, named Prierer, was buried at Tibury yesterday. The body was found in a state of great decomposition, and the cause of death is still unknown. The remains will be followed by representatives of the various labour unions. The Orient Co. have given £15 to the relatives of each of the deceased men for the expenses of the funeral. (Details of the recovery of the bodies will be found on page 11.)

DASH FOR LIBERTY. LEWISHAM BURGULAR SHOT DEAD ON DARTMOOR. HIS COMPRADE ESCAPES AND IMPUDENLY COMMITTS A NEW BURGULARY.

ARREST LAST NIGHT.

A stern and melancholy story from Dartmoor narrates the peace and grace of Christmas-time with its suggestive details. On the day preceding the sacred holiday a gang of convicts was at work as usual outside the walls of Princetown Prison. To many a tourist the spectacle must seem as familiar as the wild rolling moorland, the grey rocks breaking through the heath and whin, like the bones of the earth, the distant blue tones, the picturesque crags and hollows, and amid the void but noble landscape the gaunt wailing pain and those herds of guilty men toiling without the pleasure or the profit of toil, their coarse garments branded with the Queen's arrow, to mark them for the "black sheep" they are; while close to every silent and sheepish group are the sentries with their rifles at cock, whose orders stand to let no prisoner escape alive. Such was the scene on Thursday morning on Dartmoor. About 11 a.m. 3 batches of prisoners, who had been working on the farm grounds, were being driven to the front of the third batch made a dash for liberty, nearly overturning a civil guard in their mad rush. Matters at once became exciting, and a chase ensued. Close to where the guard bolted there was a large copse, and it was there that the three convicts hid themselves. One of the charges lodged in the prisoner's back. He threw up his arms, and with a groan, dropped dead. The second, named Martin, was immediately following his companion, but, seeing the guard's rifle, he turned back and fled. The third, named John, was also following, but he was shot in the back and fell. The guard then searched the copse, and found the bodies of the three convicts. The third, named John, was also following, but he was shot in the back and fell. The guard then searched the copse, and found the bodies of the three convicts.

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THE CITY TRAGEDY.

The terrible tragedy which was enacted beneath the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday is fully described on page 11. We here give the portraits of John and Emily Manley, the murderer and his victim. It must have proved a sad Christmas, not only for the relatives of the deceased couple, but for the orphan children—3 sons and a daughter—the eldest of whom is only 10. They are, fortunately, too young to fully realise their terrible bereavement.

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IMPORTANT DECISION AT MARYLEBONE
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ACCIDENT TO SIR HENRY IRVING.

Last Sunday morning after the overnight revival of Richard III. at the master of the Lyceum met with an accident which prevents his appearance at any rate till after Christmas. He was taken to his place taken on and after Saturday temporary stoppage by performance of "Cymbeline." As Sir Henry descending the stairs of his home Grafton-st. he unfortunately fell on the last step, and falling forward threw the muscles of one knee out of place, and he has since this regrettable mishap been confined to his bed; and has not as a contemporary has most seriously stated, to Paris with Mrs. Terry. Who said it was that it reports false and utterly founded reports!

The Russian Naval Department has decided to reinforce the Black Fleet with another large battleship.

A CORNISH LADY.

IN THE DOCK ON A MURDER CHARGE.

STARTLING YOKOHAMA STORY.

ALLEGED REPERCUSSION OF THE MAYBRICK TRAGEDY.

MYSTERIOUS VEILED WOMAN.

The Cornwall and Somerset Constabulary, in conjunction with Scotland Yard, are making inquiries in this country on behalf of the British Court of Yokohama, with reference to an extraordinary charge of husband-murder against an Englishwoman in Yokohama.

The accused, Mrs. Carew, nee Edith May Porch, is a native of Cornwall, and was born in a little village in Cornwall in 1860, when Mr. Carew obtained an appointment as manager of the Yokohama United Club, and he and his wife left this country for Japan. They had three children, a boy and girl. It appears that in the middle of October last Mrs. Carew gave instructions to her family physician to attend to her husband, who, she said, was very ill. The medical man saw that Mrs. Carew was very ill, and that yellow jaundice was present. The patient was prescribed Vichy water, but he became worse and was taken to the Marine Hospital, where he died a short time after admission. A post mortem examination was made, and an inquest was held.

GOVERNMENT'S EVIDENCE.

—Miss Jacobs, a nursery governess in the employment of the accused, stated that she had frequently been sent by her mistress to a native chemist to buy arsenic and sugar of lead. In the course of her journey, she was asked by a doctor's certificate before giving the poisons to Mrs. Carew. The Japanese who sold the medicine asked why she bought so much arsenic. She replied that she did not know that any had been bought before. He told her some had been bought the day before, and the day before that also, and would inform her mistress to be careful how she used it. She had no further conversation with Mrs. Carew, but told Mrs. Porch, her brother. I do not think he understood my drift at all. I think he only considered it as impertinence on the part of the man, and he remarked upon the insolence of the chemist in questioning me at all. Only the children were present. It was in the dining-room. I did not mention anything to Mrs. Carew. My suspicions were aroused by the conversation with the chemist. I had been told Mr. Carew was

SICK AND DROOPY.

and in great pain, so when I was sent to buy arsenic I wondered a great deal all the way home. I do not think any one helped Mrs. Carew in nursing her husband. Servants may have fetched and carried for her, but I think she did the nursing herself. I was out of the house so much with the children that I know very little about the matter. Mr. Porch was always in and out when at home. He used to go into his brother-in-law's room to inquire how he was. On Wednesday, when he was in the habit of taking arsenic in considerable quantities to relieve pain resulting from a chronic ailment. It was further shown that during his illness Mrs. Carew had given him a bottle of Fowler's solution of arsenic, which she said she had given him several times. Mrs. Carew was afterwards called, and she suggested that

A MYSTERIOUS "VEILED WOMAN."

may have had something to do with the poisoning. In the course of her evidence she deposed that she had previously to her marriage been acquainted with a woman named Anna Luke, whom she felt, she had treated in a very shammy manner. I remember the 10th of October. It was the day of the regatta. A visitor came to the house at about 2 o'clock that afternoon. I was sitting in the dining-room writing. I heard the Chinese boy say, "No have got, and thinking he was making a mistake I went to the door. There was a lady there—a complete stranger. When she came into the house she asked, "Are you Mrs. Carew?" I said yes, and the woman said she wanted to see Mr. Carew. I said I was sorry he was not at home, but if she told me her name I would tell her. She said she must and would see him. I did not that afternoon, and the following morning. She refused to tell me any name further. She gave me a card. On it were the letters "M. J." and in a corner "A. L., 1883." The lady was slight.

TALL AND HEAVILY VEILED.

The only person who saw her features. The only conversation was in the hall. She struck me as being rather fair than dark. I should not like to say I could recognise her by her features. I never saw the "Anna Luke" referred to in my knowledge. I found a letter in my husband's papers to him to the club the day of the regatta. It was regarding the visit of the strange woman, telling him that she had insisted on seeing him. I enclosed a card. I went to him and other ladies to see my husband's handwriting addressed to Miss Luke, Post Office, Yokohama. I have not the envelope. I destroyed it. The letter said that he felt great distress about her, but could not find her, and asked her to meet him on the 20th at 5.30 p.m. on the 14th. On Oct. 19 I received an envelope with a piece of paper inside. It was

LEFT BY A RICHES MAY.

The paper was in the handwriting of my husband. The name was not, but it looked like "Annie." On Oct. 29 another anonymous letter was found on my doorstep, apparently in the same writing as the envelope of the other. It read:

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The deaths registered last week in 23 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 18.3 per 1,000 of their aggregate population.

In London 3,322 births and 1,439 deaths were registered last week.

Allowing for increase of population, the births of the week were 71 above, and the deaths 379 below, the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 18.8, 18.9, and 18.1 in the preceding 3 weeks, further fell last week to 17.2.

During the 4 weeks ending on the 19th inst. the death-rate averaged 18.3 per 1,000, being 2.4 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the 10 years 1886-95.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 8, having been 17, 19, and 19 in the preceding 3 weeks.

Different forms of violence caused 67 deaths last week, concerning all but 2 of which inquests were held.

In Greater London 3,447 births and 1,900 deaths were registered last week, corresponding to annual rates of 23.1 and 16.0 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

An old lady named Hobday fell down dead in the Kensington-road.

Sir R. Meade's broken leg has been eased in plaster of Paris.

A bull has been introduced in the Georgia Legislature making it a misdemeanor to play football.

A man was found lying in the Newcut, Lambeth, unconscious. He died in St. Thomas's Hospital.

Lieut.-Col. Joseph, Army Service Corps, the senior officer in charge of the barracks at Aldershot, has been ordered to the Cape on special duty.

The Havant magistrates sentenced Charles Sparks, a labourer, to 6 weeks' hard labour for stealing from a garden a number of cabbages valued at 10s.

Some Ekebom, Oxford, was found in bed. She was found to be dead at the Middlesex Hospital.

On Mrs. Hart, a widow, of Park-rd., Kingston, returning home after a brief absence she found that the drawer in which she kept her money, and that which had been paid on more than 40,000 sparrows in Gratiot county, Michigan, during the past year, and yet the birds seem to be as numerous as ever.

The Queen has given £50 to the Royal County Agricultural Society, whose show will be held at Reading next June. Prince Christian is president.

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. Adler, as president of the Jewish Historical Society, delivered his inaugural address at the opening of the third session at St. James's Hall.

Mr. Bancroft has promised to give his famous rendering of Dickens's "Christmas Carol," in aid of the funds of the London Hospital, at the Medical College of the hospital on Feb. 1 next.

The Marchioness of Dufferin thinks people are beginning to understand that it is not women of trained intellects, cultured tastes, and higher aims who neglect the ordinary duties of life.

A new method of stopping hiccough is said to have been accidentally discovered in a French hospital. It consists in thrusting the tongue out of the mouth and holding it thus for a short time.

Judge C. G. Foster, of the United States District Court in Kansas, announces that he has founded a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, whose special mission shall be to protect horses.

One of the chiefs of the Bonapartist party has died in the person of M. Eugene Jolibert, formerly deputy, and one of the leaders of the Bonapartist party in the Chamber, under Napoleon III.

The Empress of Austria has decided to delay her departure from Biarritz, and she will probably not leave there until about Jan. 10. Her Majesty continues to take long walks in the neighbourhood.

In connection with the National Sunday League the galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists, Suffolk-st., Pall Mall, were open to the public, and were visited by 733 persons.

The War Office has given permission for a company of Volunteers to be formed at the Northampton Institute, Clerkenwell, and it is to form part of the 21st Middlesex (Finsbury) Rifles, under Col. B. Deane.

Seventy men have been thrown out of employment by an extraordinary accident at the "Belle Vue" Saw Mills, Scarborough. The driving wheel in the engine-plant suddenly flew off, and crashed through the roof, breaking another engine.

The G.E. Railway Co. has commenced the construction of a light line between Whiteley and Berrwick. The line is to be used only for the necessary services granted by Parliament many years ago, but never acted upon.

Herr J. Payer, who has been mentioned as the most probable leader of the projected Austro-German South Pole expedition, announces that a preliminary expedition will leave Melbourne next summer for Victoria Land.

The Board of Agriculture has received information that an International Horticultural Exhibition will be held in Hamburg, from May 1 to Sept. 30, 1897, under the presidency of the Burgomaster of that city.

The Prince of Wales, president of the St. John Ambulance Association, has sanctioned an ambulance fete and demonstration, to be held at the Crystal Palace in May or June next, in commemoration of her Majesty's long reign.

Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice, has presented Capt. Dutton, commander of the Canard steamer *Ambrisa*, with a handsome silver tea service as a souvenir of his recent voyage across the Atlantic in that vessel.

Prof. Herkimer has been appointed a member of the Welsh Gorsedd and as designed an appropriate costume for the Arch-druid to wear at the next Gorsedd. He is now forging an Archdruid, or official sword, for the

national ceremony of the proclamation of peace.

The remains of the late Earl of Darlington have been laid to rest at Cobham, Kent.

Thomas Lank, a fireman, fell out of his bed-room window at Bow Fire Station and was killed instantly.

The body of the Marquis de Morone, who was killed at Vercelli, in Southern Tripoli, has arrived at Cannes for interment.

Mr. W. J. Truman, accountant and secretary of the Midland Railway locomotive department, has died at Spondon, Derby, from pneumonia.

The trawler *Winnam* and *Alice Fisher*, which have arrived off Yarmouth, each reported the loss of one of their crew on the fishing grounds.

An old man named Henry Pearson, sexton of Friary-on-the-Wreath, Leicestershire, was digging a grave in a churchyard when he suddenly fell back dead.

Patrick Nickalls, the well-known sculler, is slowly recovering from his severe illness, and will, so soon as he is able to travel, start for Cairo, where he will spend the remainder of the winter.

A Birmingham firm and Krupp's of Berlin have both made tenders to the Italian Treasury for the coining of 10,000,000 lire in 10 centime nickel pieces. There is a possibility that both offers will be accepted.

While engaged on a staging on a vessel in course of construction at a dock, a man named Thomas Barrie lost his hold and, falling a distance of 40 ft. on to his head, was killed instantaneously.

A cart belonging to the Commissioners of Sewers collided with a van on Ludgate Hill. The van was severely damaged, and the driver was killed. The cart was driven by a man named Ald. T. Bees, ex-mayor of Cardiff, who died suddenly. The primary cause of death was the exertion of the driver in hurrying the cart over a rough road.

A schoolmaster named Robert Butcher, of Padstow, was engaged at work in the building of a chimney at Great Harwood he slipped and fell to the ground, a distance of 40 yards. He was shockingly crushed, and death was instantaneous.

Queensland goldfields are losing their men through the superior attractions of W. Australia and S. Africa. The warden at Gympie reports that during this year fully 800 able-bodied men have left that district for one or other of the latter provinces.

Militia subalterns will be held in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh on April 20 next and following days. Applications for permission to attend this examination must be forwarded to the War Office not later than Feb. 15.

The German Emperor has refused to ratify the sentence of the court-martial on Lieut. Bruneau, the officer who killed a civilian for an alleged insult. The case will, consequently, have to be heard again, and the witnesses have been summoned to give evidence a second time.

Lord Halifax declared at a Church gathering at Wombwell that he heard accusations against the clergy with some irritation. Those who found fault were those who knew them least. Wherever he went he was struck with their self-denying labours and liberality.

A Leeds lady of independent means named Emma Metcalf has been sent to trial. She had been purchasing articles for Christmas requirements, and thus visited the leading shops, from which she had been issued, shows that the total of such undertakings is 303, that their receipts for the year were £5,478,191, and their expenditure £4,881,942. The number of consumers was 1,330,059.

Tommy Burns, the well-known diver, leaped from the North Bridge between 3 and 4 o'clock one morning this week into the sea, a distance of 150 ft. He was rowed out to Inchgarrie Island in a small boat, and climbed up the great pier, leaping from the rail level. He did not seem much the worse for his exploit, and a passenger who crossed from Ireland to Holyhead and put up at the Temperance Hotel has disappeared in a mysterious manner. He tore up a number of letters, divested himself of his watch, &c., and left the hotel in a pair of carpet slippers, and was not seen since.

The Ladies' Kennel Association has forwarded a cheque for £150 to the West-end Hospital for Paralysis, and another for £50 to the Home for Crippled Boys, Kensington. These amounts represent the profit which accrued from their summer dog show held in the grounds of Holland House in June.

A curious accident has ended the life of a horse at Wrexham. It bolted from its stable, with the cart to which it was harnessed behind it. By some means it got its head fast between the branches of a tree, and the weight of the cart and its contents preventing its escape, it was choked before it could be released.

Mr. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., has promised £200 yearly for 5 years towards the Special Appeal Fund of £10,000 now being raised in aid of the maintenance and improvement of the Charing Cross Hospital. Another friend of the hospital has promised £1,000, provided 9 other similar amounts are promised before June 20 next.

Steamers from America are arriving now with immense quantities of Transatlantic turkeys, a tree, and Germany, Italy and Austria, Holland and Belgium, have long been contributors to our Christmas tables, but it is only during the past few years that Canada has become a regular supplier for favour.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Masons of Kent, postponed in consequence of the death of Arch-bishop Benson, is now arranged to be held at Canterbury on Jan. 25, for the installation of the Provincial Grand Master-designate, Viscount Dufferin, Deputy Grand Master of England.

A return has been issued showing the buildings of architectural and historic interest in the United Kingdom of which the structure and fabric are maintained by the War Office. There are 56 of these, of which in the Home District being the Tower of London, Hampton Court

Old Barracks, and Kneller Hall, Hennebly.

Mr. Newton, the Marlborough-st. magistrate, is retiring from the bench. Advice from the Council indicates that the Essexwick enjoys much better health.

The King of Rome has conferred the Collar of the Annunciation on the President of the Argentine Republic.

There were no fewer than 30 cases to be dealt with by Mr. Mead at Thames Court one day this week.

The Women's Industrial Council proposes to form a federated library for girls' clubs throughout London.

The rains in the East have been very heavy during the past week, and the main damage is now flood of water.

H.M. Inspector of schools for South Wales, has died at Swansea, aged 76.

The unveiling of the monument at Donatello, in the church of San Lorenzo, at Florence, took place in the presence of the King and Queen.

Lord Penrhys is allowing his Welsh tenantry an abatement of 15 per cent. upon the half-yearly Christmas rentals.

The Queen has approved the appointment of Mr. G. Greville, Consul-General at Budapest, to be Minister Resident and Consul-General at Bangkok.

A heavy fall of snow has occurred throughout Belgium, particularly in the district of the Ardennes, where it has caused much inconvenience.

The meeting of the Liverpool branch of the Navy League will be held at Liverpool on Jan. 3. The Earl of Drogheda will preside, and some leading naval experts have promised to attend.

Miss Lottie Collins, of the Prince of Wales Theatre, Liverpool, will this Christmas, in accordance with her annual custom, give 1,000 leaves of Christmas for distribution by the Hotpot Committee among the deserving poor of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Garlick, of Balerno, Midlothian, have been celebrating the 60th anniversary of their marriage. They have had 5 sons and 13 daughters, 74 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren—in all, 90 descendants.

Mrs. Julia Castle, who narrowly escaped death at Greenwich, is progressing slowly. The shock and excitement of the tragedy, which has given birth previously to a male child, which is doing well.

A chemist and druggist of Wednesday named Joseph Slim left his dinner-table, went into his yard, and took a dose of prussic acid. He returned and said to his wife, "I have done now, and nothing can prevent my death taking place in less than 10 minutes."

As John Sutherland, a plumber, was repairing the flooring in a back parlour in Piccadilly, he found the skeleton of a child minus the hands and feet. Beside the remains was a portion of a daily paper dated Dec. 25, 1876.

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A telegram from Coburg states that the Duke of Coburg has sold to a Conservative syndicate the "Coburger Zeitung," which was his property.

Mr. F. B. Many, an official of the Valley Railroad, says 750,000 people visited Maj. McKim's exhibition during the recent American election campaign, and they paid on an average over 100¢ each in railroad fares.

Tumblers of nearly the same shape and dimensions as those employed to move the heavy stones which were found in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver, glass, and marble, and other semi-precious stones.

The sudden death of Mr. Green, one of the masters of King's College School, caused the indefinite postponement of the speech-making and prize distribution, which were to have taken place in the evening.

An address which is to be presented to Mr. C. Rhodes at Port Elizabeth concludes with the hope that H.M. will add to the honours already bestowed on him by conferring on him the power and authority necessary for the successful completion of his work.

The successful completion of his work, at which Sir W. Broadbent, Dr. Scott, and Mr. Al-lingham were present, took place this week with reference to the condition of Dr. Jameson. The patient is making slow but satisfactory progress, and is able to leave his bed occasionally.

The Local Government Board have written stating that the department cannot undertake to arrange for the analyses of samples of water sent to them by metropolitan local authorities.

The Wandsworth District Board have resolved not to take over the Huguenot burial ground at East Hill, and maintain it as a public garden, in view of the fact that the large open space of Wandsworth Common is close to the burial ground.

Mr. Justice Glynne will be attending the Bench Judges' Chambers as Vacation Judge on Tuesday next, the 27th inst., and, if necessary, the following day, for the purpose of hearing urgent summonses and applications.

The Mayor and Deputy-mayor of Newport, Isle of Wight, Adm. Cheverton, and Mr. J. L. Moore, have just been added to the Commission of the Peace for the Borough.

Mr. Moore, who is a member of the local School Board, is afflicted with blindness.

While leaving Broom's Harbour to cross the water, the new French vessel, *Charles Martel*, damaged one of her propellers by coming in contact with some obstacle—presumably wreckage—at the harbour mouth, which obliged her to go into dock for repairs.

Careful weighing shows that an ordinary pig not loaded, weighs about 100 lb. part of a pound, so that it takes 5,000 bees to make a pound. But the loaded bee, when he comes in fresh from the fields and flowers, freighted with honey or bee-bread, weighs nearly 3 times more.

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A telegram from Coburg states that the Duke of Coburg has sold to a Conservative syndicate the "Coburger Zeitung," which was his property.

Mr. F. B. Many, an official of the Valley Railroad, says 750,000 people visited Maj. McKim's exhibition during the recent American election campaign, and they paid on an average over 100¢ each in railroad fares.

Tumblers of nearly the same shape and dimensions as those employed to move the heavy stones which were found in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver, glass, and marble, and other semi-precious stones.

The sudden death of Mr. Green, one of the masters of King's College School, caused the indefinite postponement of the speech-making and prize distribution, which were to have taken place in the evening.

An address which is to be presented to Mr. C. Rhodes at Port Elizabeth concludes with the hope that H.M. will add to the honours already bestowed on him by conferring on him the power and authority necessary for the successful completion of his work.

The successful completion of his work, at which Sir W. Broadbent, Dr. Scott, and Mr. Al-lingham were present, took place this week with reference to the condition of Dr. Jameson. The patient is making slow but satisfactory progress, and is able to leave his bed occasionally.

The Local Government Board have written stating that the department cannot undertake to arrange for the analyses of samples of water sent to them by metropolitan local authorities.

The Wandsworth District Board have resolved not to take over the Huguenot burial ground at East Hill, and maintain it as a public garden, in view of the fact that the large open space of Wandsworth Common is close to the burial ground.

Mr. Justice Glynne will be attending the Bench Judges' Chambers as Vacation Judge on Tuesday next, the 27th inst., and, if necessary, the following day, for the purpose of hearing urgent summonses and applications.

The Mayor and Deputy-mayor of Newport, Isle of Wight, Adm. Cheverton, and Mr. J. L. Moore, have just been added to the Commission of the Peace for the Borough.

Mr. Moore, who is a member of the local School Board, is afflicted with blindness.

While leaving Broom's Harbour to cross the water, the new French vessel, *Charles Martel*, damaged one of her propellers by coming in contact with some obstacle—presumably wreckage—at the harbour mouth, which obliged her to go into dock for repairs.

Careful weighing shows that an ordinary pig not loaded, weighs about 100 lb. part of a pound, so that it takes 5,000 bees to make a pound. But the loaded bee, when he comes in fresh from the fields and flowers, freighted with honey or bee-bread, weighs nearly 3 times more.

The Bishop of Tulse was fined £5 by the magistrates for his failure to attend the funeral of the late Bishop of Exeter, and the funeral of the late Bishop of Exeter.

The female janitor at St. Andrew's, near St. Brian, took fire this week, owing to the carelessness of the sexton, and the adjoining church, where the fire originated. A considerable portion of the building was destroyed. The 800 inmates were removed in time to a place of safety.

In Leeds and the district the weather was very foggy all one day this week, and several mishaps occurred. A young man named Joseph Jackson, son of a farmer at Moorfield Farm, was crossing the line at the level crossing at Baildon, when he was run over by an express train from Ilkley and killed.

One of the deer licences issued in Kilkenny, Co. Wick, this year, was taken out by a woman, Mrs. George Healey. Although well along in years, she camps out every autumn with her husband during the deer hunting season, and is as handy with the gun, as well as the fishing-rod, as most men are.

The Brans of Derwent forholds have a distinction of their own. Their names, Mr. Priestman, is said to be a member of the Society of Friends.

Once upon a time this world would have seemed as impossible an occurrence as that a friend should win fame as a book-maker.

An anonymous friend has offered the Charing Cross Army £1,500 for the special purpose of extending the society's work amongst the outcast, on condition that a further £2,500 is subscribed for the same purpose, in sums of £25 and upwards, by the end of February. £2,600 of the required amount has already been received.

A deputation of signmen employed on the N.E. Railway waited on Mr. Gibb, general manager of the company, and asked for increased wages, reduced hours of work, and other alterations.

Mr. Gibb promised that all the points should be carefully considered and an answer given as soon as possible.

A landslip somewhat similar to that which occurred at Dieppe, but on a much larger scale, has taken place at San Rocco, in Sicily. An entire village, when it returned from the wedding, played was at her house. She said to him, "You are a free man. You are nothing to me now. You can marry again. I can't interfere, but your first wife can."

Some Yorkshire antiquaries have been to the north to see the ruins of the castle of York in the neighbourhood of Bolton Abbey. There is also a remarkable medieval barn at Easington, near Spurn.

The massive pillars which support the heavy oak roof are composed of the same stone as the neighbouring boulder clay.

Among the latest proposals set aside for further consideration by the committee of the 1900 Paris Exhibition is that of M. Nubist, who suggests the erection of a small theatre, the scenery of which is to consist of reproductions of landscapes by famous French painters. The pictures selected are to illustrate every French district famous for natural beauty, and the stage is to be simultaneously occupied by figures wearing the costume of the district represented by the scene.

As is usually the case at Christmas-tide, there is some degree of stringency in the money market, in consequence of the joint stock banks calling in advances to station their cash balances at the end of the year. But this tension is only likely to be of a temporary character; and unless the unexpected should happen, the pressure caused by the middle of next month. In any case, it affords no cause for alarm; there is plenty of money to be had, at reasonable rates of interest, on good security. As for those speculative weaklings who cannot afford to pay 6 per cent. for loans, the money they are choked off the better.

The collapse of the National Bank of Illinois had been anticipated for some months. It was a big concern, and at one time was regarded as a perfectly solvent institution. But the management, unwisely embarked in hazardous business in the hope of making large profits, and when American trade became blighted, there was no chance of recovery. The American market has stood the shock much better than was to be expected. Knowing that the bank's failure was imminent, the "bears" went too far on the assumption that when the event happened, they would be able to buy back on the cheap. But the "bulls" manfully upheld the market, and the "bears" had consequently to cover their sales by buying back the same securities at a higher price. The result is that the market is now in a state of nervousness, but very little business has been transacted in this or any other department. At times, South Africa mines have exhibited a good deal of strength; investors have been going on quietly, and the market has shown a strong upward movement. It will not be early next year. It affords me real pleasure to be able to report that all of my recent special tips in Rand goods promise well. Those, therefore, who took action in accordance with my advice during Christmas-tide, I heartily wish the same sweet boon to one and all.

MONEY MARKET.
City, Saturday.
Being Bank Holiday, the Stock Exchange remained closed.

THE S.S. BRECKFIELD.
The steamer Breckfield, which went ashore on the rocks at Penascola, is bound from Santos to Penascola, and is safely towed into the harbor yesterday by the tug Blazer. The steamer had a large hole torn in her side below the water line, and a temporary bulkhead was put in. The captain died of a heart attack after the accident, and the ship was towed with difficulty, owing to stormy weather.

IRISH TRAGEDIES.
The family of a working-man named Cushion, living at Norwich, were enjoying Christmas festivities, when the man suddenly snatched up a table-knife and cut his throat.

The family removed to the hospital in a dying state. He had been very much depressed of late.

ATRAFF BETWEEN SAILORS.
An affray between sailors occurred at the Cardiff docks, and Antonio Borrell, shipmate on board the ship *Charing Cross*, quarrelled over some transaction, and in the course of the altercation Borrell produced a razor, and is alleged to have inflicted his wounds on Boniface. Borrell is in custody.

IRISH FATALITIES.
A farmer named John Wilson, was killed on Christmas Day by a train on the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway, near Limavady. Deceased's body was horribly mutilated, the legs, arms, and hands being found scattered all over the line, and a distance away from the body. A farrier named McCintock, aged 18, was shot dead the same day near Londonderry by a farm servant named Hutchins, with whom the lad was out wildfowling. A young man, named Keenan, dropped dead while in the act of drinking a bottle of stout.

THREE PERSONS BURNED.
Three persons were burned at a fire which occurred at Coburg-st., Clerkenwell. They were soon on the spot, and discovered what fortunately proved to be only a small fire in the back room of the first floor of a private house. By the aid of a steam engine, the fire was quickly extinguished. There was very little damage done to property, but 3 persons were burned. These were: A woman, named Sarah Urquhart, 43 years old, who was severely injured on the body and arms. She was conveyed to the St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The other two were Frederick Faulkner, aged 35, and Mary Ann Faulkner, aged 30, who were both burned on the right hand, and were attended to at home. The cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to be the accidental overturning of a lamp.

HASTINGS ROMANCE.
The Hastings show was gone to this week, and the Hastings Morris, going into the box to tell the story of her relations with prisoner, James Playford. She married him, she said, in 1853, and lived with him till last October, when he left her. On Dec. 18 she married a man named Morris. When they returned from the wedding, Playford was at her house. She said to him, "You are a free man. You are nothing to me now. You can marry again. I can't interfere, but your first wife can."

He said, "Are you happy?" She replied, "I can't say so. Suddenly she took a revolver and shot him in the hand. Witness said she had seen a certificate of Playford's earlier marriage with another woman. After prisoner left her frequently again, she told him she was going to marry Morris. Prisoner said, "It seems very hard after living with me for 13 years." Witness told him she would let him after him and keep him sweet and clean. He gave his consent to the marriage, but appeared much upset and frequently cried. Prisoner was remanded.

The sole survivor of the British steamer *Gracian*, which was wrecked on the West Indies, has arrived at Plymouth. There were 29 lives lost.

RACING.
LEOPOLDSTOWN MEETING.
HOLIDAY PLATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 1; Mr. Mitchell's Amber, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Coles), 2; Mr. Batten, 4 yrs, 11st 7lb (Mr. Phillips), 3; Also ran: Gustavus, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 4; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 5; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 6; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 7; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 8; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 9; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 10; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 11; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 12; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 13; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 14; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 15; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 16; Mr. Talbot's Golden Sunshine, 4 yrs, 11st 10lb (Anthony), 17; 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WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ONE OF OUR ARTISTS, "A CHRONICLER OF UNCONSIDERED TRIFLES," SOME SKETCHES OF "COMMON OBJECTS" TO BE MET WITH FROM DAY TO DAY IN THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES OF THIS METROPOLIS—SOME OF WHICH WE VENTURE TO THINK, MAY BE FAMILIAR TO MANY OF OUR READERS.

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NEAR SOMERSET HOUSE, STRAND.

to 7. To be seen from day to day the Strand, close to Somerset House. He is a tall, "well-set-up," are-built man, by far above the ordinary "licensed hawk" in appearance, and doubtless an old warrior, many of whom, and to say, are induced to earning their rations by adding smallwares, such as boots, pipe cleaners, collar studs, &c., to "one penny, all at." Our subject, I am told, has his Shakspeare by heart, and can quote from the Divine William" while many others would be searching books of reference. Don't forget him, some of you, when your way to Lombard-st., his well-known "kit" requires renewing.

their stockings, but place their shoes side by side on the hearth. This cus-

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY.
The Germans as a race are exceedingly fond of celebrations. The great feasts which they observe in East and West are all made much of as holidays and a time of innocent feasting and mirth. Every birthday in the immediate family, every marriage anniversary, in profusion celebrated, whilst not even distant relations and connections are forgotten on this festival day. But of these festivals Christmas is the chief and crowning one. From Dec. 1 onwards the very air is profusely laden with it. "Christmas," is the word on everyone's lips, the streets are full of life and bustle, toy-shop windows are positively besieged, and as the month wears on the number of most alarming aspects, inside mystery prevails. In every

"Don't Look"
is the password all night long. Some 5 days before the 25th the Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas market) commences. Trees by the thousand are carted into the town, and every available space is converted into a veritable forest. The market presents a lively and picturesque appearance, and during the last few days a brisk trade is done. Trees of all degrees are there, varying in price from 2d. to several shillings, according to size and quality—artificially wreathed specimens being especially repaired by having holes bored in the trunk; and additional branches inserted, which are economically cut out of the very branchy ones. The evening of the 24th is the great festival. The day itself is devoted to the numerous religious and domestic duties which anything but the sort involves; the tree must be decked, the Bescheerung (or tables covered with presents) arranged, cakes baked, and other culinary arrangements not neglected; for we must remember that Germans do not make preparations commensurate to the importance of the occasion.

MISTLETOE IN CHURCH.

Heid in great esteem by the ancient Druid, and still valued in the place of our court houses at Christmas, it is remarkable that the mistletoe has always been tabooed in connection with the Church. The orthodox ecclesiastical decorator, during the festive season, abstains from using it, although the plant is common among the sprays and foliar adornments with which he graces the interior

of the sacred edifice. Equally rigorous was the attitude towards the use of sculpture. It has been the rule of the past in reference to architectural ornament. While the classical style is prominent everywhere, and the acanthus, vine, ivy, and other plants and animals are constantly recurring in the sculpture and carving, the figures of men and animals are almost entirely absent from the churches as adorned with its sculptures. The statues of saints and of the apostles is everywhere conspicuous, but the statues of men is everywhere conspicuous by its absence. The reason seems to be that in the mind of the medieval Churchmen it was associated with a heathenism, a form of mythology, or was suggestive of usages which were regarded as profane and irreverent. And, certainly, if in an age of levity, and of the same freedom which is permitted in the hall, of kissing under the mantle, were pleaded in the sanctuary, a man, were he a

YULETIDE AMID THE SNOW

There is a special charm about the celebration of Christmas in the Alpine districts, where the frost and rumour of the winter is for ever shut out by towering hills. In the principal room, on the dining table, spotless as driven snow, stands an altar made of amulets and holy images and a number of blessed wax candles. The farmer and the head servant having chanted hymns here go from room to room, the former carrying incense, and the latter bearing a vessel full of holy water, to besom to sprinkle it. Thus the pio-

pair make the rounds of the
outhouse, smothering the Evil One with
the fragrant incense and spreading God's
blessing by means of the holy water. The
spell, however, is broken, if either the
husband or his lad speaks a word or even
looks backward. In some districts "cradle
burning" is a Christmas Eve custom,
which all families with grown-up children
do, and many without any, deem it their
duty to keep. Three cradles are selected
and silently taken to a lonely meadow
burned away, and the adults throw up
the heads of young girls who are languish-
ing after love's young dream.

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